

ST. JOSEPH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



DECEMBER 19 2021

4th Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM Vigil (English)

7:00 PM Vigil (Spanish)

Sunday

8 AM, 10 AM, & 12 PM (English)

3:00 PM (Polish)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 12:00 PM

Wednesday 12:00 PM

Thursday 7:00 PM

Friday 12:00 PM

*See Christmas Schedule
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FIRST SATURDAY MASS

9:00 AM (English)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition:

Thursday 12:00 –6:30 PM

And after Mass

SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION (in Church)

Thursday 5:00 PM—6:30 PM

Saturday 3:00 PM—4:30 PM

or by appointment 407.275.0841



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OFFICE HOURS

9:00AM—3:00PM

(closed 12-12:30 for lunch)



WE ARE HERE TO SERVE

December 19, 2021

ST. JOSEPH PASTORAL TEAM

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407.275.0841 / office@stjosephorlando.org.

You can also find the parish registration form on our website at www.stjosephorlando.org.



FOR SACRAMENTS

Please contact our parish office
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BAPTISMS

Contact office at least 3 months in advance

WEDDINGS

Contact us as soon as you are engaged. You will need at least six months of formation.



FOR PASTORAL CARE NEEDS

If you or a family member is hospitalized or in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick or any other pastoral care needs, please contact our parish office.

407.275.0841 / office@stjosephorlando.org.

AFTER HOUR EMERGENCIES

To reach a priest, call 407.275.0841, x7

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2 weeks in advance

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Please contact the **PARISH OFFICE** with any questions

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened

and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

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MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Tomar decisiones siempre es difícil; por muy simples que sean, lleva su tiempo de discernimiento. Hoy, la Liturgia se centra en María, y el Evangelio nos dice que: *“Por entonces María tomó su decisión y se fue, sin más demora, a una ciudad ubicada en los cerros de Judá” (Lucas 1:39)*. Hacer la voluntad de Dios, como lo hizo la Madre del Señor, no fue cosa fácil. Al pronunciar su “sí”, trajo consecuencias de fidelidad y servicio. *“¿Cuáles eran sus pensamientos durante los meses de espera?”* La respuesta proviene del pasaje de la visita de María a su pariente anciana, Isabel. *“Entró en casa de Zacarías y saludó a Isabel”*. María estaba feliz por su maternidad, y a su vez, Isabel saludó a María diciendo: *“¿Cómo he merecido yo que venga a mí la madre de mi Señor?” (Papa Francisco 12-23-2018)*.

Un diálogo de amor, entre estas dos mujeres, estalla en las montañas de Judea por el Mesías esperado. María acudió con prontitud, no con ansiedad, sino actuando como una verdadera discípula a su corta edad. La visita de María a su parienta Isabel debe ser un ejemplo vivo para prepararnos a vivir una Navidad de dinamismo, fe y

servicio hacia el más necesitado. Un encuentro de alegría auténtica, que manifieste la compasión y la ternura de Dios hacia los que nos rodean a través de nosotros. ¿Cuántos miembros de la familia sufren por falta de una visita, de un saludo? A tan solo unos días del nacimiento del Salvador, es el momento oportuno para las obras de caridad. ¡No pierdas la oportunidad! Camina presuroso al encuentro del Señor.

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THIS WEEK

MASS INTENTIONS (TIME AND DATE MAY VARY)

Monday, December 20

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 21

12:00 PM † Chuck Grimes / † Brooks Bates / † Robertina Villegas

Wednesday, December 22

12:00 PM † Sam Shutt / Jose Ramirez / Christine Cruz on her Birthday

Thursday, December 23

7:00 PM † Mary & Jeremiah Walsh / Ellen Rcebcas

Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve

12:00 PM Deepak & Nisha in Thanksgiving

4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

6:00 PM † Jose & Olema Parra

8:00 PM † Pedro Zambrano / † Rodrigo Restrepo / † Alba Agudelo

10:00PM For the People of the Parish

MIDNIGHT For the People of the Parish

Saturday, December 25—Nativity of the Lord—Christmas Day

10:00AM For the People of the Parish

12:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 26—Holy Family

8:00 † Rosita Tagle Death Anniversary / † Crisanto Trejos

10:00 AM † Thomas Mulholland / † Paul Leckinger / † Avis Johnson

12:00 PM For the People of the Parish

3:00 PM For the People of the Parish



REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS

...the sick of our parish family:

John Isaak Cole	Renee Quiñones
Colin Hill	Dianne Barnes
Abigail Quiñones	Anna Berrios
Ethan Quiñones	Kelly Family
Jesenia Quiñones	Milan Corchuelo
Mary Walsh	Selina Vik
Nuria Solis Robles	Maritza Santiago
Shelley Lowe	Marge Martinez
Ihab Marouf	Marguerite Corrao
Lorraine Bowen	Ryan Evans
Joan & Elizabeth Rivera	Mauricio & Norma Comia
Shelly Cuellar	Eileen López
Ava Foley	Baby Zaillet
William Ramer	Sonja Hernandez
Dawn Cates	Vivian Betemit
Edward Cammarata	Luisa Esteban
Nicole Godreau	Crimilda Maria Louvado
Thomas Giblin	Becca Parent
Elizabeth Morales	Patrick Earls
Jessenia Morales	Miguel Paez
Maribel Morales	Linda Rasco

...and the deceased of our parish family:

† Oriel Patiño	† Richard Tagliaferri
† Ramona Salcedo	† Samuel Shutt
† Maria Consuelo Gomez	† Herve Jean-Charles
† Vilma Núñez	† Thomas Reynaldo Herrera

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun 19 Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Mon 20 Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Tue 21 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Wed 22 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Thu 23 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Fri 24 Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Sat 25 Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Sun 26 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

FORMATION CORNER

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FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF PARISH LIFE



DENNIS L. JOHNSON, JR.

Blessed Advent!

One of the major preparation themes of the Season of Advent is repentance. It challenges us on many levels because repentance is complicated. Often it requires us to make internal and external adjustments. The New Testament highlights this with two complementary Greek concepts, "metamelamai" and "metanoeo" which are worth further contemplation.

Metamelamai is the Greek term that refers to the changing of the mind and/or the heart. It emphasizes internal conversion. How do we center ourselves on the inside – our thoughts, our feelings, and our emotions? Metamelamai helps us to understand and manage our desires and our fears. If God is to become incarnate among us, our aim needs to be to put Christ at the center of our lives. Metamelamai helps us to do this. It affirms our faith.

Metanoeo is the Greek term that refers to the changing of our purpose. It accentuates external conversion. How do we focus our actions on the outside – our attitudes, our perspectives, our behaviors? Metanoeo helps us to orientate our values, our interests, our relationships. If Jesus is to be born among us, our gaze needs to be affixed on Christ in others. Metanoeo helps us to do this. It confirms our commitment to missionary discipleship.

From the Hebrew influences of our Tradition comes another concept that is closely tied to repentance, "Naham" means to be sorry; it implies responsibility and aligns us toward improvement. Naham reminds us to try to do better. In this sense, repentance is critical to the Christian paradigm because it opens the realm of possibilities with respect to transformation.

This Advent, let us repent and prepare for the Lord's coming. Let us allow Christ to transform our lives in new

and profound ways. May we experience the internal metamelamai of changed hearts and minds that our attuned to God. May we encounter the external metanoeo that helps us to alter our purpose so that Christ can truly live among us.

Christmas is nearly here, let us repent be truly sorry. As we prepare in these final advent moments, we recognize that the Emmanuel moment has almost arrived – for with us is God!

Blessed Advent!

God bless you and have a fabulous week!...





DENNIS L. JOHNSON, JR.

¡Bendito Adviento!

Uno de los temas principales para la preparación del tiempo de Adviento es el arrepentimiento. Nos desafía en muchos niveles porque el arrepentimiento es complicado. A menudo requiere que hagamos ajustes internos y externos. El Nuevo Testamento destaca esto con dos conceptos griegos complementarios, "metamelamai" y "metanoeo" que merecen una mayor contemplación.

Metamelamai es el término griego que se refiere al cambio de la mente y/o el corazón. Enfatiza la conversión interna. ¿Cómo nos centramos en el interior -- nuestros pensamientos, nuestros sentimientos y nuestras emociones? Metamelamai nos ayuda a entender y gestionar nuestros deseos y nuestros miedos. Si Dios ha de encarnarse entre nosotros, nuestro objetivo debe ser poner a Cristo en el centro de nuestras vidas. Metamelamai nos ayuda a hacer esto. Afirmar nuestra fe.

Metanoeo es el término griego que se refiere al cambio de nuestro propósito. Acentúa la conversión externa. ¿Cómo enfocamos nuestras acciones en el exterior -- nuestras actitudes, nuestras perspectivas, nuestros comportamientos? Metanoeo nos ayuda a orientar nuestros valores, nuestros intereses, nuestras relaciones. Si Jesús ha de nacer entre nosotros, nuestra mirada debe fijarse en Cristo que está presente en los demás. Metanoeo nos ayuda a hacer esto. Confirma nuestro compromiso como discípulos misioneros.

De las influencias hebreas de nuestra Tradición, viene otro concepto que está estrechamente ligado al arrepentimiento, "Naham" significa estar arrepentido; implica responsabilidad y nos alinea hacia mejorarnos. Naham nos recuerda que debemos tratar de hacer mejor en nuestros esfuerzos. En este sentido, el arrepentimiento es crítico para el paradigma cristiano

porque abre el ámbito de posibilidades para la transformación.

Este Adviento, arrepintámonos y preparémonos para la venida del Señor. Dejemos que Cristo transforme nuestras vidas de maneras nuevas y profundas. Que experimentemos el metamelamai interno de corazones y mentes cambiadas para que estemos sintonizados con Dios. Que podamos encontrar el metanoeo externo que nos ayuda a alterar nuestro propósito de dejar que Cristo vive verdaderamente entre nosotros.

La Navidad está a punto de llegar, arrepintámonos de verdad. Mientras nos preparamos en estos momentos finales de adviento, reconocemos que el momento emmanuel casi ha llegado, ¡porque con nosotros está Dios!

¡Bendito Adviento!

¡Dios les bendiga a todos y tengan una buena semana!

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FORMATION 2021-2022

Visit our website (www.stjosephorlando.org) for the full 2021-2022 Formation schedule

Adults (English & Spanish) in the church

Wednesday 4:30 pm – 6 pm

Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Grades 1-5 in the church

Wednesday 4:30 pm – 6 pm

Wednesday 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Adultos (inglés y español) en la iglesia

Miércoles 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Miércoles 6:30 pm - 8pm

Grados 1-5 en la iglesia

Miércoles 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Miércoles 6:30 pm – 8 pm



ST. JOSEPH YOUTH



St. Joseph's Middle School and High School Ministries meet weekly.

Each ministry participates in age-appropriate activities, lessons & discussions to learn about the Catholic faith and grow closer to Christ.

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For more info contact aalvarez@stjosephorlando.org or to register ehensen@stjosephorlando.org

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6-8)

WHO: Middle schoolers

WHAT: Faith formation & Fun

WHEN: Every Thursday from 6:45pm-8:15pm

WHERE: St. Joseph's Parish Hall

Escuela intermedia (grados 6-8) en el salón social

Jueves 6:45 pm - 8:15 pm

HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9-12)

WHO: High schoolers

WHAT: Faith formation & Fun

WHEN: Every Monday from 6:30pm-8:30pm

WHERE: St. Joseph's Parish Hall

Escuela secundaria (grados 9-12) en el salón social

Lunes 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

ST. JOSEPH YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (Ages 18—35...no longer in HS)

St. Joseph's Young Adult Ministries meet weekly.

This ministry participates in age-appropriate activities, lessons & discussions to learn about the Catholic faith and grow closer to Christ.

ALL ARE WELCOME For more info contact aalvarez@stjosephorlando.org

YOUNG ADULTS

WHO: Adults aged 18 (no longer in HS) - 35 years old

WHEN: Every Wednesday from 6:30pm-8:00pm & 8pm-10pm

WHAT: Faith formation, Catechesis & Fellowship

WHERE: St. Joseph's Parish Hall (6:30-8pm).

Social House Sports Bar Waterford

Towne Centre (8pm-10pm)



The Diocese of Orlando implemented a child abuse awareness, prevention and safety program, **Circle of Grace**, in all parishes as mandated by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Minor-aged participants enrolled in parish-based catechesis are encouraged to participate in this programming. *The Circle of Grace program* helps children and young people learn about relationships, sexuality, chastity, and abuse from a Catholic perspective. Sessions are designed to cover these sensitive topics in an engaging, interactive manner, using language and activities that are age appropriate.

Our parish will introduce Circle of Grace on the following dates:

High School - Monday, January 24 **First - Fifth Grades** - Wednesday, January 26 **Middle School** - Tuesday, January 27

If you have any questions about the Circle of Grace program, please contact Edith Heinsen at the parish office or via email at

ehensen@stjosephorlando.org.



La Diócesis de Orlando implementó un programa de concientización, prevención y seguridad sobre el abuso infantil, **Circle of Grace**, en todas las parroquias según lo ordenado por la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) en cumplimiento de la Carta para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes. Se anima a los participantes menores de edad inscritos en la catequesis parroquial a participar en este programa. El programa Circle of Grace ayuda a los niños y jóvenes a aprender sobre las relaciones, la sexualidad, la castidad y el abuso desde una perspectiva católica. Las sesiones están diseñadas para cubrir estos temas delicados de una manera atractiva e interactiva, utilizando un lenguaje y actividades apropiadas para la edad.

Nuestra parroquia presentará el Círculo de Gracia en las siguientes fechas:

High School - Lunes, 24 de enero **Primero a quinto grado** - Miércoles, 26 de enero **Middle School** - Martes 27 de enero

Si tienen alguna pregunta sobre el programa Circle of Grace, comuníquese con Edith Heinsen en la oficina parroquial o por correo electrónico a

ehensen@stjosephorlando.org.



2021 Advent and Christmas Schedule

Vespers December 3 -- 7pm in Church
 Fellowship Social Hall

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception .. December 8
 7am, Noon
 and 7pm (Bilingual)

Advent Reconciliation Service December 21
 6:30pm - 7:00pm Children
 7:30pm - 9:00pm

Simbanga Gabi Filipino Mass December 19 -- 5pm

Christmas Vigil Masses
 Friday, December 24 4pm & 6pm (English),
 8pm (Spanish), 10pm (Polish),
 Midnight (English)

Christmas Day Masses
 Saturday, December 25 10am & Noon (English)

Holy Family Masses
 Sunday, December 26 8am, 10am, 12pm & 3pm

Solemnity of Mary Vigil Masses
 Friday, December 31 5pm (Bilingual); 8pm (Polish)

Solemnity of Mary Mass/First Saturday
 Saturday, January 1 9am (English)

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- 1 Visit our church website at www.stjosephorlando.org
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OFFERTORY AND COLLECTIONS

12/12/2021	Offertory (includes Immaculate Conception & Christmas)	\$19,770.78
12/12/2021	Funded Depreciation	\$5,127.40

Thank you for your generous donations!

OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021

Our 2021 parish goal: **\$154,360.76**
 Pledges to Date: **\$153,414.06**
 Over/Under Goal: **(946.70)**

(Participation 12.9% (334 Gifts))

You can make your pledge at <https://www.cfof.org/local/give/>
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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish office will be closed Friday, December 24 for Christmas.

We will re-open on Monday, January 3.

Masses as scheduled



THE POLISH COMMUNITY AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO OUR ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

ON THE 31ST OF DECEMBER 2021



THE PARTY STARTS AT 8:30 PM

THERE WILL BE

APPETIZERS, DINNER.

GREAT MUSIC WITH DJ AND MORE.

TICKET PRICE \$60.00 PER PERSON

FORMAL ATTIRE EXPECTED

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT SAN PEDRO

Check out the Christmas events happening at San Pedro Spiritual Development Center.

<https://www.sanpedrocenter.org/upcoming-events>



The Cursillo Movement invites you to live the experience of a Cursillo, where you will learn how to better serve the Lord and how to improve your life & faith. It will be an unforgettable experience. For more information call Alicia Rodriguez at 407-580-0588 or Ruth Mendoza at 321-624-3203. Blessings...



El Movimiento de Cursillos te invita a vivir esta experiencia de un Cursillo, donde vas a aprender mucho mejor como servir al Señor y como mejorar tu vida y tu fe. No te arrepentirás será una experiencia inolvidable. Para más información llama a Alicia Rodriguez al 407-580-0588 o a Ruth Mendoza al 321-624-3203. Bendiciones....



— Sinulog Sa Orlando —

SEÑOR SANTO NIÑO

Sunday, January 16, 2022 at 1:30 pm

Tribu Orlando cordially invites you to the 15th annual celebration of the feast of SEÑOR SANTO NIÑO
January 16, 2022 at 1:30 pm
Saint Joseph Catholic Church
1501 N Alafaya Trail
Orlando, FL 32828

viva pit señor

NOVENA SCHEDULE ST JOSEPH HALL

- Jan 7, 2022, Friday at 6:00 pm
- Jan 8, 2022, Saturday at 6:00 pm
- Jan 9, 2022, Sunday at 6:00 pm
- Jan 10, 2022, Monday at 8:45 pm
- Jan 11, 2022, Tuesday at 6:00 pm
- Jan 12, 2022, Wednesday at 8:15 pm
- Jan 13, 2022, Thursday at 8:30 pm
- Jan 14, 2022, Friday at 6:00 pm
- Jan 15, 2022, Saturday at 6:00 pm



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Johanna Empeynado (321) 946-4411

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



FOOD PANTRY

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

Our Food Pantry is now serving over 35 families. We currently cannot accept food donations but monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church with Food Pantry in the memo section of the check. Or you can give with our **Online Giving** or **Text to Give** options by choosing **Outreach—Food Pantry** in the Fund drop down menu.

For more information you can contact Vicky McCann at parish.outreachministry@gmail.com.



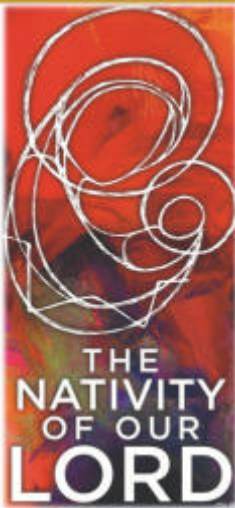
YEAR END DONATIONS
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2021.

Those received
after **December 31,**
2021 will be posted
for the 2022 tax
year.



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Question: Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer: Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all. ©LPi



Do Not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.
Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.
This will be a sign to you; You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Luke 2:10-12



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